



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Docket No.: 273286US0PCT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/541,457

Applicants: Hiroshi SUGITATSU, et al.

Filing Date: July 6, 2005

For: METHOD FOR REDUCING CHROMIUM

CONTAINING RAW MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: 1793

Examiner: MCGURTHY-BANKS, T.M.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

## Request for Oral Hearing; Reply Brief

Our online credit card payment in the amount of \$1,030.00 is being made covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman/F. Oblon

Harris A. Pitlick

Registration No. 38,779

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone) (703) 413-2220 (fax)